THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The Economic reform programme has encourage the operation of private airlines in the domestic sector. Consequently, airports have been made more customer friendly, with augmentation of passenger amenities for better baggage handling and check in facilities. Adequate facilities for private airlines have been provided for parking and maintenance of aircraft. New terminal buildings to cater to increased number of passengers have been commissioned. In addition to the major airports 14 airports are also being developed for limited international operation.

[Translation]

Connecting All District Headquarters with STD

*237. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to connect all the District Headquarters of the country with STD facility;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the details of the District headquarters already connected with STD facility, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). All the 522 District Headquarters in the country have already been connected with STD facility.

(c) The details are given in enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Details of District Headquarters (D.H.Qs) with STD Facility As on 30.6.96

S.No	Name of State	Total DHQS
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	23
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13
3.	Assam	23
4.	Bihar	55
5.	Goa	2
6.	Gujarat	19
7.	Haryana	17
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14
10.	Karnataka	20
11.	Kerala	14
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45
13.	Maharashtra	31
14.	Manipur	8
15.	Meghalaya	7
16.	Mizoram	3
17.	Nagaland	7
18.	Orissa	30
19.	Punjab	17
20.	Rajasthan	31
21.	Sikkim	4
22.	Tamil Nadu	25
23.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	42
24.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	26
25.	West Bengal	18
26.	Tripura	4
	Total	510
	Union Territories	
1.	Andaman Nicobar	2
2.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	1
3.	Chandigarh	1
4.	Damand & Diu	2
5.	Delhi	1
6.	Lakshadweep	1
7.	Pondicherry	4
	Total	12

[English]

Development of Scheduled Castes And Scheduled Tribes

*238. SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan, 22% of the Government's Plan budgets are to be earmarked for the development of SCs/STs;

(b) if so, whether any allocation has been made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) According to guidelines of the Government, the proportion of total Plan outlays of the States and Union Territories to be earmarked for the Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan should be at least equivalent to the proportion of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the total population of the respective States/Union Territories. Similarly, the Central Ministries/Departments are expected to earmark